Promotion of E-Gurucool

2340. DR. AKHILESH DAS: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the IT education major NIIT has launched a programme for promoting e-Gurucool;

(b) if so, the objectives and *modus operandi* thereof; and

(c) whether Government have decided to promote e-Gurucool throughout the country, especially in inaccessible regions, if so, the steps taken/being taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI SU. THIRUNAVUKKARASAR): (a) Yes, Sir. The learning products and services under the e-Gurucool brand have been acquired by NIIT.

(b) The main objectives are :

Reaching the following to school students, school teachers and school administration.

— Over 1500 hours of digital content

— Computer-based expert support services

Modus operandi will be decided by NIIT.

(c) No, Sir.

Talwar Committee Report

2341. SHRI N.K. PREMACHANDRAN: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have implemented recommendations of the Talwar Committee report on Extra Departmental staff;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government consider to implement the Pension Scheme and maternity leave benefit for the Extra Departmental staff as recommended by the Talwar Committee;